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TO: Lori Baker Amerson  
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RE: 09/768,924

*- change "element" to  
- markings -- w/d.  
- not = subj. matter 112 req.*

The attached four pages comprise the proposed amendment.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Suzanne Dawn Brown :  
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Cancel claims 17 and 25.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

--1 (Amended). An exercising and sports conditioning mat which assists in correct performance of exercise routines to contribute toward maximizing their benefit while minimizing the likelihood of injury because of the impact of landing after jumping comprising:

a plurality of layers,

means for connecting said layers to each other to define a stack of three layers,

the uppermost layer in said stack of layers including a top surface on which the exercising and sports conditioning is performed,

[an] the intermediate layer being comprised of material that will absorb the impact of a jump and thereby minimize the likelihood of injury,

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[a] the bottom layer[, said bottom layer] having a bottom surface, and

said bottom surface resists sliding on the surface which supports said mat so that said mat will not slide from under an exerciser who will otherwise fall and risk serious injury, and

a plurality of elements on said top surface, said elements defining a plurality of locations for foot placement before and after jumping routines in exercising and sport conditioning.--

*(e.g., marking, indicia, etching)*

36 (Amended). First and second, exercising and sports conditioning mats which assist [assists] in instructing and demonstrating the correct performance of exercise routines to contribute toward maximizing their benefit while minimizing the likelihood of injury because of the impact of landing after jumping wherein:

each of said mats comprises a plurality of layers,  
means for connecting said layers to each other to define a stack of layers,

the uppermost layer in said stack of layers including a top surface on which the exercising and sports conditioning is performed,

an intermediate layer comprised of material that will absorb the impact of a jump and thereby minimize the likelihood of injury,

both of said mats include a front end and a rear end,  
a rectangular polygon on each of said mats,

*intended use*

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first and second identical pluralities of mutually distinctive components, one of said pluralities being on said top surface each of said mats for defining locations on each mat for foot placement before and after jumping routines in exercising and sport conditioning,

some of said components in one of said pluralities being at said rear end of one of said mats, and said identical components being at said front end of said other mat, and

the rest of said components in said one plurality being at said front end of said one mat, and said identical components are at said rear end of said other mat,

said mats being arranged so that the front ends of each mat are facing each other and the rear ends of each of said mats are facing away from each other so that exercisers can face each other and match their foot movements while exercising.

*positioning*

37 (Amended). An exercising and sports conditioning mat which assists in correct performance of exercise routines to contribute toward maximizing their benefit while minimizing their likelihood of injury because of the impact of landing after jumping wherein:

said mat is between about 1/30 and one half inch thick, weighs about 4.5 to 5.5 pounds and is about 42 inches wide by about 42 inches long,

said mat being comprised of three layers that are connected to each other to define a stack of layers,

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the uppermost layer in said stack of layers including a top surface on which the exercising and sports conditioning is performed, said top surface being comprised of a material that facilitates exercises including the actions of pivoting, jumping, sliding and running,

an intermediate layer comprised of material that will absorb the impact of a jump and thereby minimize the likelihood of injury,

said exercising and sports conditioning being performed on said top surface, and

[a plurality of] means on said top surface[, said means] for defining a plurality of locations for foot placement before and after jumping routines in exercising and sport conditioning, and

a bottom layer, said bottom layer having a bottom surface resists sliding on the surface which supports said mat so that said mat will not slide from under an exerciser who will otherwise fall and risk serious injury.

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